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SUBJECT: DISCUSSIONS WITH SAG ON DJIBOUTI

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1. WE DISCUSSED CONTENTS OF REF A WITH AHMAD SIRAJ, THE DIRECTOR OF AFRICAN AND ASIAN AFFAIRS AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, ON JANUARY 18. SIRAJ SAID THAT OUR POSITION ON THE DESIRABILITY OF A FRENCH MILITARY PRESENCE IN DJIBOUTI AFTER INDEPENDENCE COINCIDED WITH THE SAUDI VIEW. HE SAID THAT THE SAG CONSIDERS THAT A FRENCH MILITARY PRESENCE "WILL GIVE A MORE POWERFUL MEANING TO INDEPENDENCE BOTH IN TERMS OF THE INTERNAL POLITICAL SITUATION AND EXTERNALLY". SIRAJ SAID THAT THESE VIEWS HAD ALREADY BEEN INCLUDED IN PAPERS PREPARED FOR DISCUSSION WITH THE FRENCH PRESIDENT.

2. SIRAJ SAID THAT THE SAG CONSIDERS A WESTERN PRESENCE IN DJIBOUTI TO BE AN IMPORTANT FACTOR AND THAT SENIOR SAUDI

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OFFICIALS WILL BE PLEASED TO HEAR THAT THE USG IS CONSIDERING ESTABLISHING A CONSULATE IN DJIBOUTI.

3. SIRAJ ASKED THAT WE GIVE HIM AN AIDE MEMOIRE OUTLINING THE POINTS OF REF A TO ASSIST IN BRINGING THEM TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SAUDI OFFICIALS WHO WILL BE DISCUSSING DJIBOUTI WTH Giscard d'Estaing and his party. WE HAVE DONE SO.

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